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SUBJECT: SOVIETS ON SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BILATERALS

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1. FOLLOWING OUR NOV 28 REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT, MFA LEGAL AND TREATY DEPARTMENT COUNSEL FOR EUGENE NASINOVSKIY CALLED IN EMBOFF DEC 1 AND READ FOLLOWING PREPARED COMMENTS ON SOVIET SUGGESTION FOR BILATERAL US-SOVIET CONSULATIONS ON SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES:

2. SOVIETS WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS FIVE TOPICS:

--"HOW TO IMPROVE" PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 296 OF THE JOINT DRAFT ON SETTLEMENT OF FISHERIES DISPUTES;

--COMPOSITION OF LOS TRIBUNAL AND SEA BED DISPUTES CHAMBER;

--JOINT APPROACH ON ARTICLES CONCERNING DELIMINATION OF AREAS BETWEEN ECONOMIC ZONES AND CONTINENTAL SHELVES AND ON APPROACH TO "IMPLEMENTING MEASURES" CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF REGIME OF ECONOMIC ZONES;

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--JOINT APPROACH ON ANY OTHER SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES MATTERS.

3. NASINOVSKIY SAID THERE HAVE BEEN NO SPECIFIC BILATERALS WITH US ON SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES PREVIOUSLY AND ADDED "IN OUR VIEW IT IS VERY ESSENTIAL TO HAVE BILATERAL MEETINGS IN ORDER TO CLARIFY ON

WHAT ISSUES OUR VIEWS ARE VERY CLOSE OR SIMILAR "IN THIS AREA.
HE CONCLUDED READING FROM THE TEXT BY STATING THAT
SOVIETS "WISH TO STRESS" DESIRE TO CONTINUE CONSUL-
TATIONS WITH US ON SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES DURING
JAN 16-19 G-5 MEETING IN MOSCOW IN ADDITION TO PRE-
G-5 BILATERALS SOVIETS ARE SUGGESTING.

4. PUTTING DOWN TEXT, NASINOVSKIY SAID THAT
SOVIETS HAVE NO DESIRE TO "PUSH" US INTO
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE BILATERALS BUT FEEL IT WOULD BE
USEFUL TO HOLD THEM EITHER IN DECEMBER IN WASHINGTON
OR FOR SEVERAL DAYS PRECEEDING JANUARY G-5 MOSCOW
MEETING. HE SAID THAT AMERASINGHE HAS JUST INVITED
THE USSR TO MULTI-LATERAL LOS TALKS IN NEW YORK,
DEC 13 AND 14. HE, ALONG WITH SOVIET LOS
NEGOTIATIONS ROMANOV AND IVANOV, WILL THEREFORE BE
IN THE US FROM ABOUT DEC 10 AS PART OF SOVIET
DELEGATION AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO COME TO WASHINGTON
FOR THE BILATERALS-EVEN IF IT MEANS MISSING THE
NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS. HE ADDED THAT KOLOSOVSKIY
WOULD LEAD THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE NEW YORK
CONSULTATIONS. IN ENDING HIS REMARKS, NASINOVSKIY
AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE VERY FLEXIBLE
ON THE TIMING AND VENUE OF THE BILATERAL CONSULTA-
TIONS BUT HE HOPED THEY COULD BE HELD BEFORE
JANUARY G-5 MEETING.
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